

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2026

10AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

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PRELUDE

Praeludium in C Major (BWV 545)

- J S Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - *Pastor*

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - *Pastor*

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

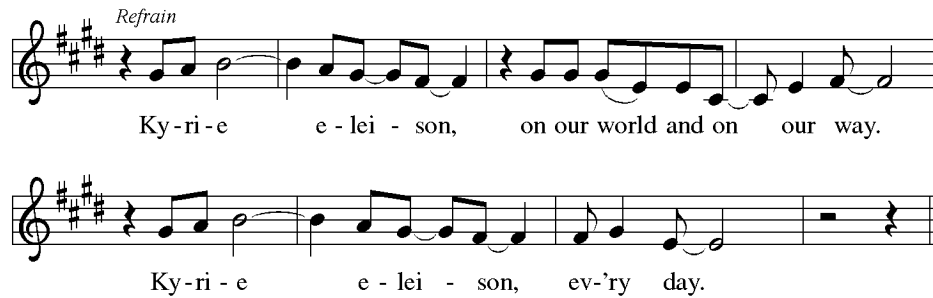
has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

GREETING – Pastor

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (*The Congregation sings the refrain, and a leader sings the verse.*)



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Assisting Minister*

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

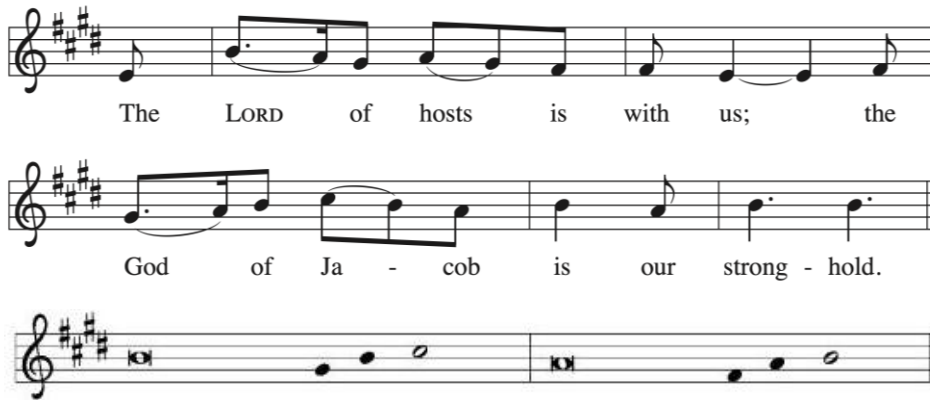
³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *(Sung Together)*

Psalm 46

(Refrain)



C: Choir
A: All

- C ¹ God is our ref-¹ uge and strength,
a very present ¹ help in trouble.
- A ² Therefore we will not fear, though the ¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths ¹ of the sea;
- C ³ though its waters ¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble ¹ with its tumult.
- A ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹ y of God,
the holy habitation of ¹ the Most High.
- C ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall ¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the ¹ break of day.
- A ⁶ The nations rage, and the ¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth ¹ melts away.
- C ⁷ The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold.
- A ⁸ Come now, regard the works ¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;
- C ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹ shields with fire.
- A ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that ¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ¹ in the earth."
- C ¹¹ The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold. R

THE SECOND LESSON - *Lector*

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

Matthew 22:34-46

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew the twenty second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet” ’? ⁴⁵ “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

SERMON – *Pastor*

HYMN OF THE DAY **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** ELW 517

1 Lord, keep us steady in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are
3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and
by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son
Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we
u-ni-t-y on earth; support us in our final strife
and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - *Assisting Minister*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - *Assisting Minister*

To the words "Hear us, O God," the congregation responds, "**Your mercy is great.**"

SHARING OF THE PEACE - *Pastor*

THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need. Please visit www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving or scan the QR code below:



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Built on a Rock

- Alfred V. Fedak

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.

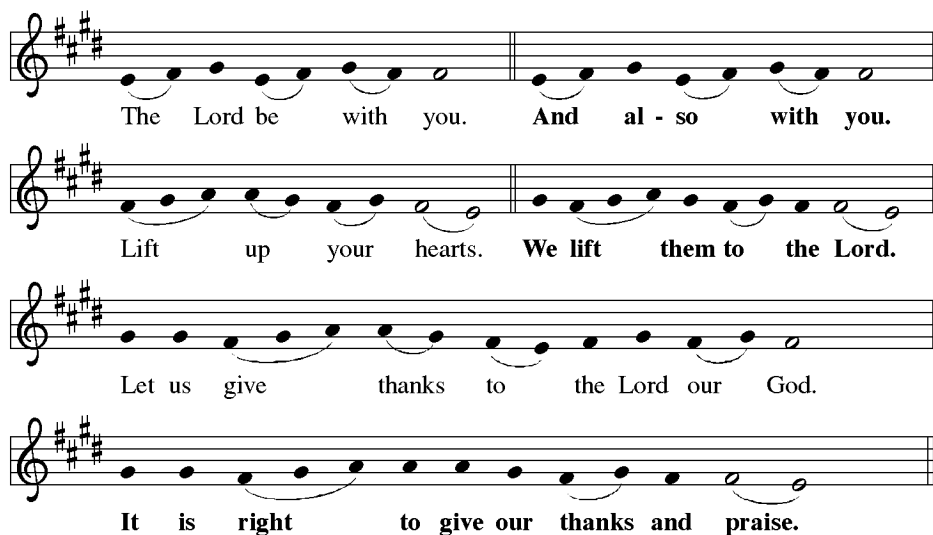


1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.

OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please stand as you are able*) - *Pastor*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

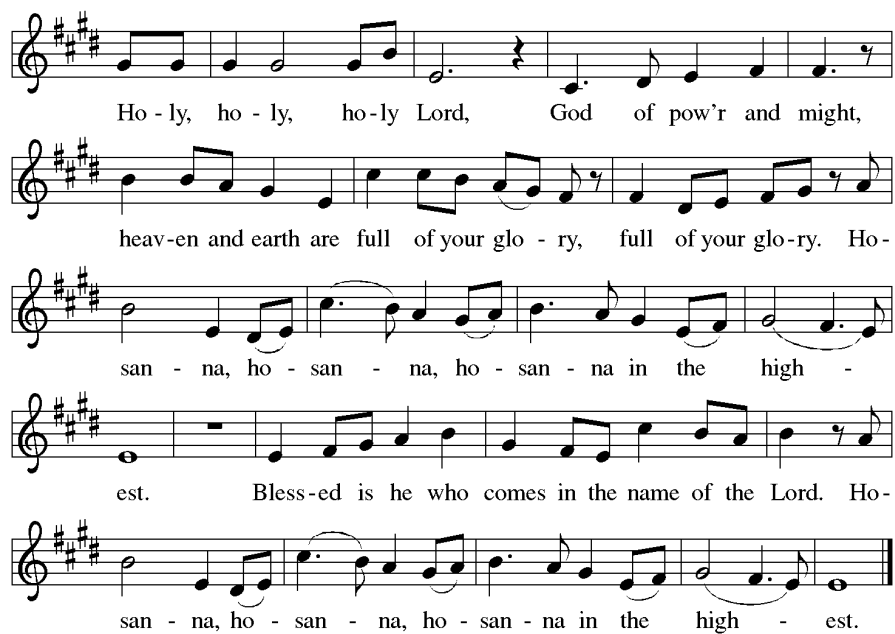
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE - *Pastor*

It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - *Pastor*

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Pastor*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

INVITATION - *Pastor*

This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor.

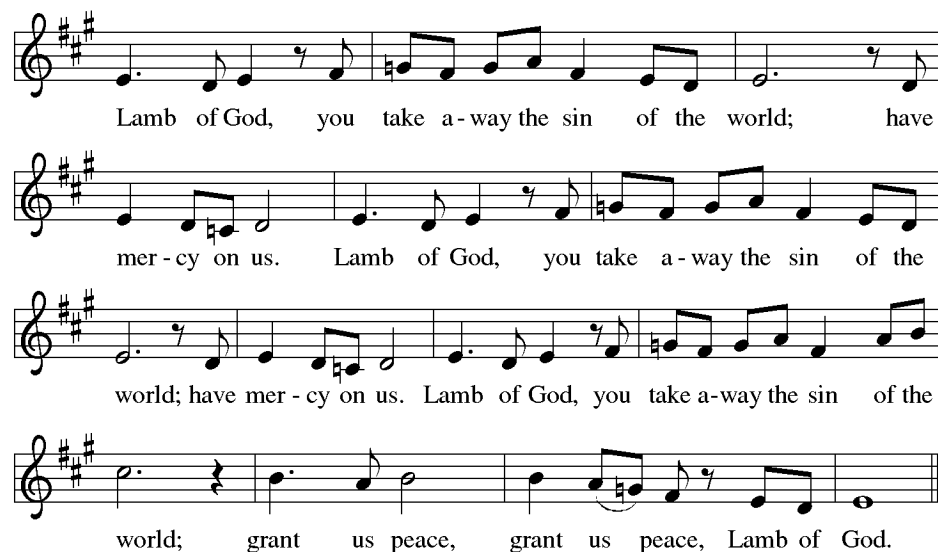
It is a table of communion with the earth.

So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

Come, those of you who depend on this sacrament for your life, and those of you for whom it is a new and strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come!

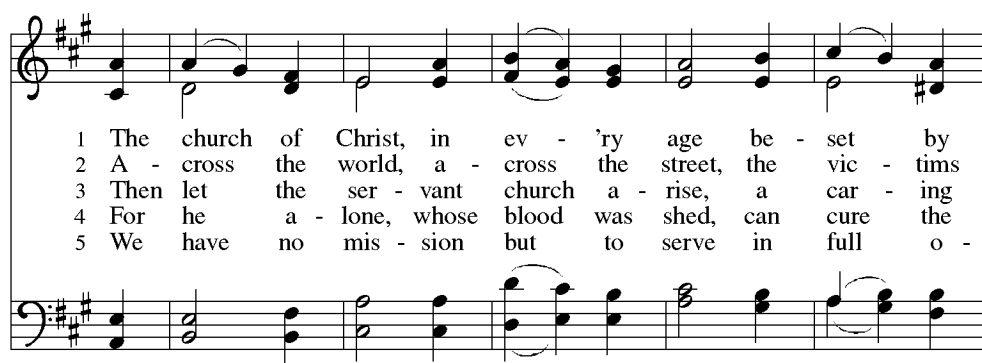
THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

***Blue Communion Cards– Please remember to fill in a blue communion card each week. You can hand your blue communion cards to an usher as you come up for communion.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please stand as you are able) - Pastor*

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION - *Pastor*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Soli Deo Gloria

ELW 878



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

DISMISSAL - Assisting Minister

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G Minor (BWV 542)

- J S Bach



Today!!!

***St. Martin's Oktoberfest Luncheon -
Immediately following the 10 a.m. service
in the gym.***

The menu includes grilled brats, hot dogs, turkey burgers (new!), German side dishes & desserts plus non-alcoholic beverages, & beer & wine

And New This Year - Live Accordion Music!

All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

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Next Distribution of Prayer Shawls -

Sunday, Nov 8 after both services



New Member Class

New Member Gatherings

Are you interested in becoming part of St. Martin's, or simply curious to learn more about who we are?

We invite you to join us for one of our upcoming New Member Gatherings. Each gathering will cover the same information and will be a chance to learn more about St. Martin's, our Lutheran faith and tradition, and the many ways we share in ministry together.

Choose the gathering that works best for you:

- Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m.

New Member Welcome Sunday

Sunday, November 8 at either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. worship service.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Micah at srpastor@stmartinsonline.org.

Whether you are ready to become a member or simply want to learn more, we would be glad to have you with us.

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Chaplain Paula Thistle
Lector	Dave Ehemann
Communion Assistants	Tom and Barb Freeman
Ushers	Melisa Steffens
	Larry Day
	John and Betty Knupp
Altar Set Up	Judy Houston
Communion Cleanup	Barb Freeman
	Wendy Higgins



All Saints Sunday: Collection of Names

On **All Saints Sunday (November 1st)**, we will lift up the names of those dear to us—**family members and friends**—who have passed away since last November. This is a sacred time to remember those we love and to rest again in the promise of God's love that holds them and us forever.

If you would like to have a loved one's name read during the service, please contact **Pastor Micah** or write the name clearly on the clipboard in the Narthex.

Please submit all names by October 26th.

When submitting a name, please:

- Indicate **how you would like it read aloud** (for example, "Grandma Betty" or "Elizabeth Smith").
- Include **nicknames or pronunciations** to ensure we honor them properly.
- We ask that you submit **only names of people personally known to you** (family members or friends). Thank you for helping us remember the Saints of the St. Martin's community.

Opportunities This Week

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

6:30 pm New Member Class
(Fellowship)

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
(Double T)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
(Music Room)

Thursday, October 29, 2026

11:30 am Mid-Day Bible Study
(Double T)

Saturday, October 31, 2026

10:00 am New Member Class
(Fellowship)

Sunday, November 1,, 2026

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Breakfast & Devotions
(Art Room)
Sunday School
(Fellowship)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

St. Martins Envelope Budget Giving Data - 2026			
Week	Envelope Offering Received	Envelope Offering Needed	Difference +/-
October 18, 2026	\$10,120	\$12,852	\$2,732
2026 Totals to date:	\$522,261	\$539,774	\$17,513
St. Martins' 2026 Envelope Giving budget is \$668,291			

The attendance last week (10/18) was 187 (36 at 8:00 and 151 at 10:00). Also, 72 people have worshiped out on YouTube. **Comments?** Treasurer@stmartinsonline.org